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velopment of the English constitution, character, and history, and therefore every element of that force demands representation by hands prepared to do it ample justice. We believe that English historians have generally done great injustice to the Romish Church, especially during the reign of the Tudors; and for this period more than for any other should Lingard be read and studied, nor can there be any reasonable doubt that, during the transition epoch, he represents the party the most loyal to truth and right; while the English Reformation was not a reformation in its motive, intent, and initial steps, though it became so in the lapse of time, through growing intelligence, Continental influence, and the counsels of a Providence educing good from evil. The edition of Lingard, now in press, of which we have seven volumes on our table, is under the care of an able and experienced editor, who gives personal attention to the proof, and occasionally adds an explanatory note. It may be relied on as even more accurate than the English edition on which it is founded; for that did not wholly escape errors of the press.

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10. — *Milestones in our Life-Journey*. By SAMUEL OSGOOD. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1855. 24mo. pp. 307.

WE might term this book a *generalized autobiography*, — the life-book of the author's experience, divested of egoism, and compiled in a form in which it can instruct, edify, and guide. The first chapter, entitled "Companions by the Way," embodies the leading incidents of the writer's school and college days, and his early clerical life, yet so modestly and delicately drawn, that he remains in the background, while he gives us in strong relief the portraits of some whom the great world delights to honor, and of others who have left a green place in the memories of a smaller circle. From this "Introductory Sketch," he passes to the leading epochs, liabilities, needs, and spiritual resources of human life from childhood to the birth through death into immortality, drawing manifestly for the first half of the "Life-Journey" on his own remembrance and consciousness, and for the latter half and its final consummation on the faith and hope with which as a Christian he looks forward to the waning of the earthly and the dawning of the heavenly life. Chaste, rich, and quietly eloquent in style, claiming a high rank in a merely literary aspect, the book still commends itself chiefly as a *vade-mecum* for the pilgrim who would make the milestones on his life-journey waymarks on the path to heaven; and its pervading purpose is indicated in its emphatic conclusion, which we quote.

“ True progress is to be measured by the character formed, not by the distance travelled. Not without meaning we close our notes of the Milestones on our way with those hallowed words that Jesus, the great Mediator between time and eternity, as well as between man and God, spoke when he embraced all men and all nations in his parting prayer : —

“ ‘ This is Life Eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. ’ ” — p. 307.

11. — *A History of Greece, from the Earliest Times to the Roman Conquest. With Supplementary Chapters on the History of Literature and Art.* By WILLIAM SMITH, LL.D. *With Notes, and a Continuation to the Present Time, by C. C. FELTON, LL.D.,* Eliot Professor of Greek Literature in Harvard University. Boston : Hickling, Swan, and Brown. 1855. 8vo. pp. 670.

IN a recent number we spoke of Smith's History of Greece in terms of unqualified commendation. The name of the American editor is a sufficient guaranty for the worth of his additions. If familiar converseance with the literature and monuments of ancient, and prolonged and varied observation of the renewed life of modern Greece, can fit one to be its historian, Professor Felton is second to no American in his qualifications for the office. At the same time, we regard his “ Continuation ” as of higher interest and importance than the main work ; for ancient Greece has no lack of historians, while we know not where but in the volume before us to look for a compendious history of Greece under the Turks and since her emancipation.

12. — *A Treatise on English Punctuation ; designed for Letter-writers, Authors, Printers, and Correctors of the Press ; and for the Use of Schools and Academies. With an Appendix, containing Rules on the Use of Capitals, a List of Abbreviations, Hints on the Preparation of Copy and on Proof-reading, Specimen of Proof-sheet, etc.* By JOHN WILSON. Third Edition, enlarged. Boston. 1855. 16mo. pp. 334.

THOSE who have had experience of Mr. Wilson's accuracy as a printer, faithfulness as a proof-reader, and keen critical sense as a suggester of emendations, know from the mere title of this work that it is all that it purports to be, and all that such a book can be. It should be a manual for the author's desk and the printing-office. At the same time, it comprises so much of grammatical analysis, and enters so fully